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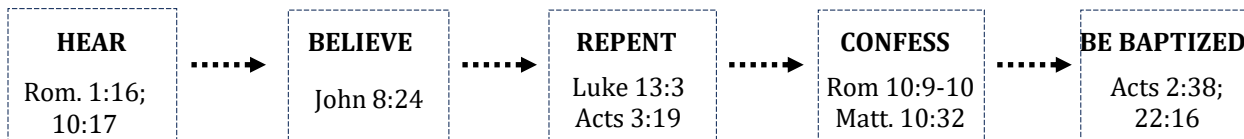
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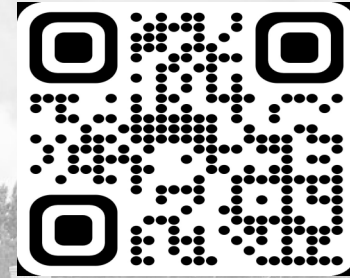
ORDER OF SERVICE

Song ~ Announcements ~ Song ~ Opening Prayer ~ Song ~ Scripture Reading ~ Song ~ Sermon ~ Song ~ Lord's Supper ~ Offering ~ Song ~ Closing Prayer

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?



THE MESSENGER



*"This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all." **1John 1:5***

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WELCOME VISITING FRIENDS

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sundays

- Children's Sunday School10 a.m.
Sis. LaDonna Carter (lower level)
- Young People's Class10 a.m.
Bro. Ej. Taylor (upper level)
- New Christians' Class10 a.m.
Bro. Webster (upper level)
- Sun. Adult Bible Class.....10 a.m.
Bro. Lightfoot (main auditorium)
- Sunday A.M. Service11 a.m.
- Sunday P.M. Service6 p.m.

Wednesdays

- Bible Study (on Zoom).....7 p.m.
Access through the website

Thursdays

- Men's & Ladies Classes6:30 p.m.

If you are one of our visitors today, please know that we are indeed honored to have you. If you are a member of the Lord's body, thanks for choosing to worship with us today. If you are not a member of the Lord's church, we will be happy to meet with you and discuss how one becomes a member of the church which we read about in the New Testament. We aim to speak as they spoke and do as they did. We also offer a free Bible Correspondence Course which can be mailed to you. Or, someone will be glad to meet with you for a one-on-one Bible study. You can indicate your desire on a visitor's card and place it in the collection tray when it is being passed around.

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

It's Me Oh Lord, Standing in the Need of Prayer

It is inevitable that each of us Christians will find ourselves at a crossroads, overwhelmed by the burdens and challenges that weigh heavily on our hearts. It is during these times that we are reminded of the hymn, "It's me, Oh Lord, standing in the need of prayer." This timeless song echoes the profound truth that, in our moments of vulnerability and weakness, we are in desperate need of divine intervention and grace.

Psalm 86:6-7 captures this sentiment beautifully, "Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; And attend to the voice of my supplications. In the day of my trouble, I will call upon You, For You will answer me." These verses remind us that when we call upon the Lord with a sincere heart, He listens and responds. Our prayers are not uttered in vain but are heard by a compassionate and loving God who is ever ready to extend His mercy and help.

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In Luke 18:1-8, Jesus shares the parable of the persistent widow, emphasizing the importance of persistent prayer. Verse 7 states, "And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them?" This parable is a powerful reminder that we must continue to approach the throne of grace with unwavering faith, confident that the Lord will answer us in His perfect timing. There are times when we might feel unworthy or hesitant to approach God with our petitions, but Hebrews 4:16 encourages us with these words, "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." The Lord invites us to come boldly before Him, assured of His willingness to provide the help we seek.

So, the song, "It's me, Oh Lord, Standing in the Need of Prayer" resonates within each of us. It serves as a reminder that we are not alone in our struggles and that God is ever-present, ready to offer His grace and mercy. Let us, therefore, approach Him with confidence, persistently seeking His guidance and trusting in His unfailing love.


~Bro. R. Webster

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDERS

~Please silence your *phones*. 
~**No eating nor drinking** inside the auditorium.

PARDON OUR DUST

Over the next few weeks, we will undergo several phases to install two new restrooms. 

New guests please complete A **Welcome Card**. **Returning guest**, upon *each* visit, please **print** your name in the **Returning Guest Log** in the foyer.

A **Suggestion Box** and **Prayer Request** cards are located in the foyer.

Contributions can be made electronically via **Zelle** (recommended) using the church's email- westhammondcc@gmail.com.

Contact the church's secretary at 219-742-9520 for any of the following:

- ◆ **Requests** or **announcements** to be made or to be included in the bulletin.

Send request for **year-end contribution statements**, send an email request to whcocsecretary@gmail.com- text to 219-742-9520.

NEW CHRISTIANS' CLASS

Bro. Webster is teaching this class for all new Christians dating back to 2022.

OUR CONGREGATION'S EVANGELISM PROGRAM

Every member is encouraged to get involved in the evangelistic mission of the church. Following Jesus' example and teachings we, too, are expected to seek and save the lost. Luke 19:10

The **Men's Class** and **Ladies' Class** are on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP

Sunday evening worship service needs the support of our members. It starts at 6:00pm, and we endeavor to abide by Hebrews 10:25 *"not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together."* Invite friends and families to attend.

NEW BIRTHS & MEMBERSHIP PLACEMENT

Continue to pray for and encourage all our new additions to the body of Christians who meet here at West Hammond Church of Christ. Martina Davis of CA. was baptized into Christ recently during Sunday evening service.

PRAYERS

Sis. Lennon's mother, Bro. Carter, Sis. Thigpen, the Brantfords, Sis. Simmons, Sis. Payne & son, Malachi, Bro. & Sis. Goldman, Mendenhall family, Bro. Hardy,

Sis. Brooke Gamble, Sis. Lightfoot and Jabari Ware, the brother of Bro. Ken Ware III. Sis. Ellis had a recent accident. Sis. Angelice Cunningham and her daughter, Shaniyah, Sis. Doris Davis and her brother, Norman Hamilton, Sis. Woodard's mother and Carla King, the niece of Sis. Webster. Lonnie Hollaway, friend of Sis. Chaff has received a liver transplant. Denise Day, the sister of Sis. Conner, has been re-admitted to ICU. Quince Dixon and Johnny Bailey, relatives of the Cunningham family are both battling cancer diagnosis.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



SIS. WHITNEY TAYLOR

SAT. 2/15

NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

#37 THE CARTERS 

THURS. 2/15

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

Contact Bro. Mendenhall if you, or anyone you invite to church, will need a ride to get here.

SKILLS BANK

Remember to submit your information to be added to the skills bank and be diligent to do your verification for relevant licensing.

Sis. WebsterReal Estate Agent
Sis. Debra WoodardFinancial Advisor
GamblesProperty Preservation & Custom Wood Work Décor/Signs (Home/Business)

ANNUAL LADIES LECTURESHIP RETREAT

Next year's retreat will be April 10th-13th in Chicago, IL. The theme is: **Christian Women: Surrendering All**

Website: www.ladieslectureshipretreat.org

See Sis. Webster for group information

Information about scholarships, awards and registration is on the notice board in the foyer.

Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship	74
Sunday PM Worship	24
Wednesday Bible Class	51
Last Sunday's Offering	\$5,761.00
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13